

India – Tripura

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The India – Tripura GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components India could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The India – Tripura GYTS was a school-based survey of students in standards 8-10, conducted in 2001. A two-stage

cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Tripura. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 92.0%, the student response rate was 87.3%, and the overall response rate was 80.3%. A total of 1866 students participated in the India – Tripura GYTS.

Prevalence

12.4% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 16.0%, Female = 8.0%)
 44.4% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 50.4%, Female = 36.9%)
 10.3% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 13.4%, Female = 6.6%)
 34.6% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 37.7%, Female = 30.8%)
 20.1% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

27.9% think boys and 23.7% think girls who smoke or chew tobacco have more friends
 52.6% think boys and 29.6% think girls who smoke or chew tobacco look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

71.5% usually smoke at home
 79.2% buy cigarettes in a store
 96.3% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Environmental Tobacco Smoke

78.9% live in homes where others smoke
 81.3% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
 61.3% think smoking should be banned from public places
 48.4% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 26.9% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

32.9% want to stop smoking
 10.7% tried to stop smoking during the past year
 27.1% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

71.0% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
 89.1% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
 67.5% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers and magazines, in the past 30 days
 14.9% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
 7.1% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

15.0% had been taught in class during the past year about the dangers of smoking
 12.4% had discussed in class during the past year reasons why people their age smoke
 13.7% had been taught in class during the past year the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 44% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 10% currently smoke cigarettes; 35% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- ETS exposure is very high – 8 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke; 8 in 10 are exposed to smoke in public places.
- Half of students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- 6 in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- 1 in 3 smokers want to quit.
- 7 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; almost 9 in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards in the past 30 days; almost 7 in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers and magazines in the past 30 days.